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For Sale.

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THE UNDERMENTIONED LAND AND BUILDINGS.

AT HONGKONG:—

INLAND LOT 82.—The well-known House and Offices lately occupied by Messrs A. Heard & Co., adjoining the Cathedral Compound.

The Ground below the masonry retaining wall of the above, abutting on the Queen's Road.

Annual Crown rent, \$390.48.

MARINE LOT 111, WANCHAL.—First-class and extensive Godowns.

Annual Crown rent, \$324.

INLAND LOT 69L.—Situated on the Bonham Road and one of the finest sites for Villa residences in the Colony.

Annual Crown rent, \$79.78.

FARM LOT 17, FOKFOO LUM, adjoining Messrs Butterfield & Swire's premises.

Annual Crown rent, \$25.

AT KOWLOONG:—

MARINE LOT 4.—With a frontage of 100 feet on the Praya, and with an area of 80,000 feet.

Reduced Annual Crown rent, \$10.

AT YOKOHAMA:—

LOTS No. 6 AND No. 27 in the Foreign Settlement.

No. 6 is situated on the Bund, and comprises an eight-roomed Dwelling House, detached, with Garden all round, Offices, Godowns, Servants' Quarters and Outhouse. Area 1,084 Taubos of 88 square feet.

Annual Ground rent, \$268.78.

No. 27 is separated from No. 6 by Water Street and comprises large Tea Firing and other Godowns, Floss Silk Press, Compressor's Quarters, Stabling and Fire Engine House. Area, 554 Taubos.

Ground rent, \$154.97 per annum.

Applications for purchase, or further information, to be made to

J. WHITTALL, T. G. LINTHARD, Trustees A. Heard & Co.'s Estate, 23, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

Hongkong, February 1, 1876.

SAYLE & Co. have opened their first delivery of New Goods for the coming Season, to which they invite special attention.

Ladies' and Children's Ready-made Costumes in a variety of Styles.

Morning Wrappers in Embroidered Linen, Printed, Cambric, White Brilliante and Muslin.

French Toilet Jackets.

Richly Embroidered Cambric Skirts.

A Large Assortment of Dress Materials in all the newest designs.

French Millinery of the latest fashions.

Boys' Holland Suits & Pinafores.

Ladies' Underclothing.

Ladies' and Children's Boots and Shoes.

Also, A fresh supply of the "Little Wanzler" Sewing Machines.

Agents for Hongkong.

SAYLE & Co., VICTORIA EXCHANGE, Queen's Road & Stanley Street.

FOR SALE.

200 Cases CLARET from BORDEAUX.

Apply to LANDSTEIN & Co.

Hongkong, March 10, 1876.

ON SALE.

THE CHINESE READER'S MANUAL.

A HANDBOOK of Biographical, Historical, Mythological, and General Literary Reference.

BY WILLIAM FREDERICK MATTHEWS.

Price: \$3.

Shanghai, KERRY & Co.

Hongkong, "CHINA MAIL" OFFICE.

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For Sale.

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By "OCEANIC."

THIS Season's American HAMS and BACON in prime condition. Smoked SALMON.

Golden Gate Baker's EXTRA FLOUR in Barrels and Tins.

MACQUEEN, FRICKEL & Co., Hongkong, February 19, 1876.

DUO DE MONTEBELLO CARTE BLANCHE CHAMPAGNE.

Quarts, \$15 per case (1 dozen.) Pints, \$16 " " " " 5 per cent. discount on 25 cases.

Bourbon WHISKEY.

\$12 per case (1 dozen.)

For Sale by HEARD & Co., Hongkong, June 23, 1875.

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

I have this day authorized Mr J. Y. V. SHAW to sign my name per procuration.

A. MACG. HEATON, Hongkong, January 1, 1876.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have entered into Co-partnership from the First day of January, 1876, in the Business of Ship-brokers at this Port, under the style of MORRIS & RAY.

A. G. MORRIS, E. C. RAY.

Bank Buildings, Hongkong, February 3, 1876.

NOTICE.

WE have Established branches of our Firm at Hongkong and Amoy. Mr E. CONSTANTIN is authorized to sign by procuration in Tongkin.

LANDSTEIN & Co., Hongkong, December 31, 1875.

INTIMATIONS.

STAFFORDSHIRE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, OF HANLEY.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, £250,000.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed Agents in Hongkong and Shanghai for the above Company, are prepared to issue Policies of Fire Insurance at current rates.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Hongkong, March 24, 1876.

THE MERCHANTS' MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, OF LONDON.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, £500,000.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to issue Policies of Marine Insurance at current rates, payable in London, India, Australia, New Zealand, Straits, Mauritius, Java, Manila, China, Japan, California, &c., &c.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Hongkong, March 24, 1876.

NOTE.—By the Company's Articles of Association it is provided that, after payment to the shareholders of a dividend of 10 per cent. per annum, one-fourth of the residue of profits will be retained and applied amongst those insured out of whose business profits have been made during the year.

In the Goods of CAPTAIN LAWRENCE YOUNG, Deceased.

ALL Persons having any CLAIMS against the above Estate are requested to send in Particulars of the same to the Undersigned on or before the 22nd day of April, 1876.

And all Persons being Indebted to the said Estate are requested to Pay to the Undersigned their several Debts without delay.

STEPHENS & HOLMES, Solicitors for the Executors, 2, Club Chambers, Hongkong, February 22, 1876.

IN CONSEQUENCE OF THE REDUCTION OF THE PRICE OF THE

"SHANGHAI COURIER AND CHINA GAZETTE,"

IT WILL BE THE CHEAPEST DAILY PAPER IN CHINA and as a large

INCREASE OF CIRCULATION MAY BE CONFIDENTLY ANTICIPATED, THE

ADVANTAGE TO ADVERTISERS IS OBVIOUS.

Intimations.

LOST.

ON THURSDAY, the 23rd Instant, a Liver and White Suffolk SPANIEL, answers to the name of "SAMBO." Who-

ever will bring the same to the Office of DOUGLAS LAFFRAK & Co., will be suitably Rewarded.

Hongkong, March 24, 1876.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

DIVIDEND Warrants for the Dividend to Dec. 31/75, at the rate of \$10 per share, can be obtained at the Office on or after 29th February.

By Order, D. GILLIES, Secretary.

No. 2, Club Chambers, Hongkong, February 29, 1876.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned beg respectfully to inform the Public that they have Established themselves as

BUTCHERS AND GENERAL COMPRADORES,

At No. 1, Graham Street, And are prepared to Supply Fresh and Salt PROVISIONS and STORES; also, WINES, SPIRITS and ALES of every description.

MATTHEW & Co., Hongkong, March 25, 1876.

F. KRUPP'S CAST STEEL WORKS, Essen (Germany.)

Sole Agents for China, F. PHIL, HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, COLOMBO (Germany.)

ALL Persons having any CLAIMS against the Estate of the late A. MARCUS DARY, and all Persons indebted to the same, are requested to communicate immediately with the Undersigned.

H. LOWCOCK, Executor.

Hongkong, March 21, 1876.

COAL DEPOT.

COALS of every description supplied to Steamers by the Undersigned.

Orders may be left at the Godown, Wanchai, with Mr J. MACLEOD, or at the AN YOK, KWONGHONG, Praya.

LANDSTEIN & Co., Hongkong, November 1, 1875.

PILOTAGE.

VESSELS inward bound can secure Pilots from Reef Island, from this date.

Outward bound Vessels can secure FIRST CLASS PILOTS by applying to the Undersigned at Praya Central, No. 29.

The Pilot-boat's Flag is No. 5 at the main-mast.

H. F. STUART, Hongkong, April 5, 1875.

THE HONGKONG CHINESE MAIL.

THE Circulation of THIS PAPER has been very much extended. The following are some of its Agents:—

Macao.—Man Chun Shop.

Canton.—Sing Cheong Native Post Office, Luen Hing Street; Chai Hing Low Hotel, Luen Hing Street; Kwong Tin Fat Shop, Yan Tai Street; Mr Sit Chuen Fan, Tung Wen Kwan; Yuen Fong Shop, In front of the Provincial Treasurer's Yamen; How Yuen Shop, Small Market Street; New City; Yee Cheung Photograph Shop; Honam; Kwai Hing Shop; Sin Onong, Bonam.

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Foochow.—Mr Yü Ching Cheong, Foochow Arsenal; Mr Lum Kwok Ching, Maritime Customs.

Shanghai.—Mr Ng Ching Shun, Maritime Customs; Mr Kio Yoo Chuen, Maritime Customs; Mr Chiu Sing Hoi, Maritime Customs; Mr Chiu Sing Hoi, Maritime Customs; Mr Chiu Sing Hoi, Maritime Customs; Mr Chiu Sing Hoi, Maritime Customs.

Ningpo.—Mr Sung Min Chee, Maritime Customs.

Hankow.—Yee Hing Hong.

Chefoo.—Yee Shun Hong.

Japan.—Mr Leong Chun Tong, Municipal Office, Yokohama.

Singapore.—Woh Sang Hong.

Penang.—Yow Wing Fong; Argus Office.

Calcutta.—Mow Sing Company.

San Francisco.—Kwong Fook Tai Hong.

The above are some of the Agents; others will be published when they are arranged for. Negotiations are in progress with the express companies who carry the official despatches and Peking Gazette, to circulate the Chinese Mail in the interior of China.

Hongkong, March 10, 1874.

Auctions.

FURNITURE SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction at No. 15, Staunton Street, on

TUESDAY, the 28th March, 1876, at 2 o'clock p.m.,

Sundry Household FURNITURE, the property of a Gentleman changing his Residence, comprising:—Chairs, Couches, Electro-plated Ware, Glass and Crockery Ware, Lamps, Books, Marble-top Side Tables, Marble-top Washstands, Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Mirrors, Pictures.

Sundry Fire Arms, &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7.

All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at Purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, March 22, 1876.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR AMOY.

The Steamship "ESMERALDA," Captain THELTON, will be despatched for the above Port on TUESDAY, the 28th Instant, at 10 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to A. MACG. HEATON, Hongkong, March 23, 1876.

FOR COOKTOWN, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE AND SYDNEY.

The Steamship "CHEVIOT," Captain WATTS, will be despatched as above on or about the 30th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to LANDSTEIN & Co., Hongkong, March 20, 1876.

FOR COOKTOWN AND SYDNEY.

The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamship "NO-MANBY," will be despatched as above on or about the 1st Proximo.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, March 24, 1876.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The Steamship "QUANGSE," Capt. JONES, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 12th Proximo, at 2 p.m.

suggestion of establishing a mint in China, and on the abolition of torture in China. The *Universal Circulating Herald* inserts a paragraph urging on people to subscribe money to aid the City Hall Museum.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The American Mail steamer *Belgic*, came round from Aberdeen this afternoon.

The Eastern Extension Co.'s Cable is again interrupted between Penang and Madras.

We note that the *Mongolia* takes on the French Mail, in addition to her own, to Shanghai.

The Chinese Revenue Cruiser *An Lan*, Captain J. Godall, arrived here yesterday, about 9 a.m., and left again about an hour later.

The latest Mail advices at Home from China and Japan on the 18th February, were:—Yokohama January 4, Shanghai 7, Foochow 9, Hongkong 13, Manila 6, Singapore 21, Galle 27.

The maximum temperature at the Peak during the past week, as recorded in Saturday's *Gazette*, was 66.0, the minimum 52.0; at the Harbour-Master's Office, Fraya West, the maximum was 71.5; the minimum 59.0. 2.67 inches rain fell during the week.

A Canton Correspondent, under date of 26th instant, writes that Sir Brooke Robertson had left per H. M. S. *Egeria*, with a full staff, for Kiangchow, to establish the Consulate effectively—leaving Dr. H. F. Hance in charge of the Consulate at Canton.

A DARING burglary, accompanied with serious wounding, occurred yesterday at Tookwa-wan, British Kowloon. A man was shot in the stomach and is now lying in a precarious state. No arrests have been made, and pending police enquiries it would be unwise to give particulars.

At the Marine Court today Johann Christian Muller and Christian Frederik Lemke, firemen belonging to the German steamer *Altona*, were charged by the Chief Engineer with drunkenness and disorderly conduct. They admitted the charge of drunkenness and were fined \$100 each or two days' imprisonment.

A BOAT belonging to one of the Russian men-of-war in harbour was capsized a few days ago near Green Island during a heavy squall, and all the occupants of the boat were rescued by a Chinese stone junk, except one who was drowned. We now learn that the body has been recovered. The junk master acted very creditably, and deserves some tangible recognition of his services.

The American House of Representatives has passed the "Consular and Diplomatic Appropriation Bill." By this measure the salaries of the chief officials in the Far East are fixed as follows:—Minister to China and Japan each \$10,000, Secretary of Legation in China \$4,000, Consul-General at Shanghai \$4,500, and at Yokohama \$3,500. We have already shown that the United States have missed a favourable opportunity of raising the state of these services.

The following telegrams were published in the *Daily Press* of this morning:—
Shanghai March 24.—The German Minister has renounced the Garpan Treaty with China.

The Taung-li Yamen has instructed the Authorities at Shanghai to allow the Woonung Railway to proceed unimpeded.
London, March 24.—The Queen's Title Bill has been read for the third time. In a long maintained debate, Mr. Disraeli dwelt upon the political reasons for the step, especially the advance of Russia towards the Indian frontier and the conquest of Tartary. It is well known that in India the title of Empress would be regarded as an unmistakable sign of our resolution to maintain the Empire. Mr. Lowe and Mr. Fawcett strongly censured the allusion to the designs of Russia as insoucious and unwisely.

Major-General Colborne has been gazetted Knight Commander of the Bath, and Captain Buller Companion of the Bath.

(London and China Express.)

The Hamburg Correspondent says:—As soon as the Second Chamber assembles the members will deal with the new Sugar Convention. You will remember that the section-report upon the Bill was most unfavourable, but I think it very improbable that the Convention will be rejected, the more so since it has been carried by the Belgian Parliament.

The Reinforcement of the China Fleet taken in connection with the telegram from Berlin, which makes such a fuzzy declaration as to the policy and intentions of the Treaty powers with respect to the case of the *Zinn*, it is evident that there is something behind which the official world desire to disguise, if by any means that can be done. There is "something behind," we feel quite sure, but what that "something" is we can only conjecture. This is just one of those cases where the Government have objects in view which it might possibly be very wrong to make public at present, and which are founded on timely and secret information supplied to them through their own official agents.

Rear-Admiral John Bourmaster Dickson, O.B., died on the 11th instant, aged sixty years. He was fifth son of Rear-Admiral Sir Archibald Collingwood Dickson, and brother of the late Sir William Dickson, and of the present baronet, Sir Alexander Collingwood Dickson, and was born per-

sumptive to the baronetcy. He passed his examination in 1834, and obtained a lieutenantcy in October, 1839, in the *Melville*, 72, Capt. Hon. Richard S. Dundas, under whom he served throughout a portion of the war in China, and was at the capture of the forts of the Bocca Tigris and operations against Canton, and at the taking of Chusan in 1841.

Vice-Admiral Louis S. Tindal (Retired List) died on the 4th inst. at Brighton, in his 63rd year. This officer entered the Navy in Feb. 1826, and obtained his first commission in Dec. 1832. After serving under Capt. Hon. H. Bous in the *Pique*, and in the *Fatal* Capt. W. Jones, he was appointed to the *Calliope*, in which latter ship, as Lieutenant, he took part in the attack upon Chuenpee, at the taking of the Bocca Tigris, at the storming of the enemy's works close to Whampoa Reach, and at the capture of the last fort protecting the approaches to Canton, and in the other operations against that city. As a reward for his services on that occasion he was made a commander.

We learn that Mr. Ross Johnson, a member of the Legislative Assembly at Port Elizabeth, who was for some years practising at the Yokohama Bar, is at present in London making arrangements for carrying out a plan of emigration of Chinese labourers to the Cape. It was stated that he had proceeded to China, but we understand that he intends appointing an agent to carry out the project. It is to be hoped that the scheme which has been set on foot will attain the desired end of attracting Chinese labour to the Cape Colonies, as there can be no doubt that the would be in the highest degree to the advantage both of the Colonies themselves and also of Chinese labourers. The Cape Colonies possess every advantage of climate and of productive capability, but is deficient in the great requisite of labour. The demand for labour is so great that the Cape Government have passed an Aided Emigration Act, under which they guarantee a sum of £7,000, that is, at the rate of £7 per head for the first thousand Chinese introduced. The sum of £10 will be paid by the parties requiring the emigrants, the estimate for introduction being £17 per head. The list for the first thousand emigrants is nearly filled up at Port Elizabeth alone, while the Government themselves require a great number of labourers for the continuation of their system of railways.

Vice-Admiral Harry E. Edgell, O.B., died on the 4th inst. at Chichester, in his 67th year. This officer entered the Royal Naval College in May 1821, and embarked in 1823 on board the *Nimrod*. In 1846, he was advanced to post rank, and in 1855 he assisted at the capture of Kintura. In 1857 he was ordered to China. The reinforcements which the arrival of the *Tryburnie* and also of H.M.S. *Amethyst* enabled the Commander-in-Chief, Sir Michael Seymour, to afford to Comdres. Hon. Chas. G. J. B. Elliot, the senior officer in the Canton river, led to immediate operations against the enemy's junk forces. On May 25 twenty boats, commanded by Capt. Edgell, with two steam tenders and three steam gunboats, the whole under the orders of Comdres. Elliot, entered the Escape Creek, for the purpose of attacking a Mandarin fleet of about forty junks moored across the stream. As the British approached, and their fire took effect, the Chinese got under way. The result of the day's proceedings was the capture or destruction of twenty-seven junks. Of the remainder four made their way to a place called Tong-Koon, at the upper part of Escape Creek, where, with eight others, they were attacked and destroyed on the 27th by fourteen boats under Comdres. Elliot and Capt. Edgell, who, having regained the river, had approached them up the Savahie Channel, on which the *Tryburnie* was stationed during the entire operations. On June 1 Captain Edgell commanded a division of boats under the command-in-chief in the attack on Fort Seymour, mounting nineteen guns, and in the brilliant operations which terminated in the capture and destruction of about seventy heavily armed junks up the Fatsan branch of the Canton River, where, and in the Escape Creek, the loss sustained by the *Tryburnie* boats amounted to two men killed, and nine men wounded. Captain Edgell took part in all the subsequent proceedings which took place in the Canton and adjacent waters under Comdres. Keppel and Elliot. During the investment of Canton city by Sir Michael Seymour in Dec. 1857, he was left at Hongkong, where his exertions in forwarding supplies and guarding the colony gained him the warmest thanks and commendation by his Excellency, and of the major-general commanding the troops at the scene of action.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council took place this afternoon (27th). There were present:—

His Excellency Sir Arthur Kennedy, The Chief Justice, Sir John Smale, The Colonial Secretary, the Hon. J. G. Austin.

The Attorney General, the Hon. John Bramston, The Acting Colonial Treasurer, the Hon. O. May.

The Hon. P. Ryrie, The Hon. H. Lowcock, The Hon. W. Keswick. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

CHINESE PASSENGER SHIP'S ORDINANCE.

His Excellency said the first business to be transacted was the second reading of the ordinance to amend the law relating to Chinese passenger ships and the conveyance of Chinese emigrants. He had no doubt the draft ordinance had been carefully read by the members of the Council, and he proposed, if it met their views, that on this occasion, after carefully reading and considering the bill, they should suspend the Standing Orders for the purpose of reading it a third time and passing it. He might state that his object in offering this suggestion was that, day by day, he found there was greater necessity for some such powers as the bill conferred being located in some one. It was the object of the bill to afford facilities for the carrying on legitimate business in ships properly qualified to carry passengers, and on the other hand the bill conferred ample powers on them to stop any attempts to carry on emigration in the way in which it had been carried on. He had no great desire to possess the powers it was proposed in the bill he should receive; but at the same time he thought it was absolutely necessary that such powers should be invested in somebody, so that they might keep their hands clear of a kind of emigration of which they strongly disapproved. If the Council desired to have a formal third reading of the bill he had no objections to it, but he thought it would be better to do so at once after he had pointed out. They would observe that there was a suspending clause to the Bill. He moved the second reading of the Ordinance.

The Hon. J. G. Austin seconded the motion, which was carried without dissent. The Council then went into Committee on the bill.

In section 2, there was a blank left for the Council to determine what should be the amount of fee to be charged for a license. The Attorney General suggested that it should be \$100. The Governor in Council of course had powers to exempt any vessels from that fee provided free emigrants were carried. This would also apply to vessels carrying first class Chinese passengers, and for mail steamers he would propose a general license for which a small fee should be paid.

Discussion then turned on the duration of the license. His Excellency said the fee would hold good until the license was cancelled or revoked.

The Hon. P. Ryrie said it would save trouble if the license were a general one. The Attorney General proposed that there should be a uniform fee for all, as might be decided by the Governor.

His Excellency said he would propose that \$10 should be the amount for the license which should hold good until cancelled.

Discussion then ensued as to whether the license should not be made renewable once every year.

The Hon. H. Lowcock thought \$10 a license would be too much as a vessel might make use of the license for a month or two. He thought \$5 was all that was required.

The Hon. J. G. Austin thought the license should be made for an unspecified period and that the fee should be \$10 each. His Excellency considered it would be more economical for steamers like the *P. & O.* Company, the Pacific Mail and the other mail companies to have a general license at \$10 than an annual one at \$5 each.

A member asked if every mail steamer was bound to have a license. His Excellency replied in the affirmative. Every mail steamer came under the provisions of this ordinance.

The Hon. P. Ryrie quite approved of a general license without a limit of duration being specified.

After some further consideration it was decided that the license should be for an unspecified period and the fee at \$5.

Section 4 next formed the subject of discussion. It authorizes the Governor to allow labourers and servants to be engaged

for persons in British possessions. His Excellency said he required the careful consideration of the Council, and the Hon. the Attorney General might have some remarks to make.

The Hon. the Attorney General said the object of this section was set out in the statement of objects and reasons. Some time last year, Chinese servants were wanted in the Australian Colonies, but as the Chinese would not go except under contracts and as they could only be carried down by mail steamers, which were prohibited from carrying emigrants who were under contracts, this section proposed to meet the object in view. Such a want was not confined to Australia or to other British possessions, and such a want had already occurred in the Cape Colony. To provide against any danger, the person engaging must furnish the Governor with the number of the men he wanted and the name of the master for whom he was engaging.

The Hon. H. Lowcock asked if the name of the steamer in which the men were to go had to be stated in the application. The Attorney General replied in the negative.

The Hon. P. Ryrie called attention to the fact of artificers such as carpenters, &c., being required at times and suggested the addition of the word artisan.

This was agreed to.

The Chief Justice quite assented to the importance of the law, but he would propose one condition to be added, viz., that an original copy of the contract should be deposited with the Colonial Secretary, so that the emigrant could sue for any breach of the same. When an emigrant was once out of the Colony, he was without protection, and the Chief Justice thought such a clause should be added to give him protection.

The Governor pointed out that this Ordinance applied to emigration to British possessions alone.

The Chief Justice said that the moment the emigrant was out of the Colony, he was without protection.

The Hon. P. Ryrie observed that the hire was as eager to keep the contract as the hired, otherwise the emigrant could not have been imported.

The Chief Justice said then his suggestion would be more for the protection of the master than for the servant, but he thought that protection was necessary. He quite agreed with the principle that there should be Chinese emigration.

The Governor asked if he was to understand that there should be one copy of the contract left with the Government.

The Hon. the Attorney General said there would be no difficulty in meeting the proposition.

The Hon. Mr. Austin said what he understood from the Chief Justice's remark was that the contract should be in triplicate, one kept by the emigrant, one by the master and one lodged with the Government.

His Excellency said the Attorney General could draft a new Section, embodying the suggestion of the Chief Justice.

The Hon. P. Ryrie said the only objection to the suggestion was that it might cost more to have an additional signature made. The extra sum of a dollar or two would be something to the emigrant, and he understood that a fee was charged for a signature on the contract.

The Hon. Mr. Austin remarked that it would not entail any additional cost. They had only to say that the contracts should be in duplicate or triplicate.

A new Section was then drafted, providing that the Government copy be lodged with the Emigration Officer.

The consideration of other sections was then proceeded with.

Upon section 5, The Hon. W. Keswick suggested that the words "first class" instead of "first cabin" should be introduced.

The suggestion was adopted, and the other sections in the Bill having been passed.

His Excellency moved the suspension of the Standing Orders, and that the Bill be read a third time.

This motion being agreed to, the Bill was read a third time and passed.

THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S JUDICIAL FUNCTIONS.

The Bill for divesting the Registrar-General of his judicial functions was read a second time, and passed through Committee.

His Excellency said that to save time and the necessity for another meeting of the Council he would move that the Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Bill to be read a third time.

The motion having been agreed to, the Bill was accordingly read a third time and passed.

THE CHINESE TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY.

His Excellency said he had now to propose the first reading of a Bill to authorise the China Traders' Insurance Company to sub-divide its shares.

The clerk read the Bill as follows:—Whereas "The China Traders' Insurance Company, Limited," is a Public Company duly incorporated and limited by shares under the provisions of the "Companies Ordinance, 1863," and whereas the Memorandum of Association of the said Company provides that the Capital of the Company is one million of dollars divided into two hundred shares of five thousand dollars each, and whereas the whole of the said shares have been issued and the sum of fifteen hundred dollars has been paid up on each share, and whereas the said Company has found that shares of five thousand dollars each are too large for the advantageous management of the affairs of the Company, and the Company is therefore desirous of sub-dividing the existing shares into shares of smaller amount, and whereas the said Company in order to effectuate its desire has applied to the Governor to confer upon it the necessary powers therefor by means of this Ordinance, and whereas the said Governor has consented so to do upon the terms and conditions hereinafter contained; Be it therefore enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

I. In the interpretation of this Ordinance, the expression "The Company" shall mean "The China Traders' Insurance Company, Limited."

II. It shall be lawful for the Company by special resolution to modify the conditions contained in its Memorandum of Association so as by sub-division of its shares or of any of them to divide its Capital or any part thereof into shares of any amount not less than one-third of the amount fixed by the Memorandum of Association, provided that, in the sub-division of its existing shares, the proportion between the amount which is paid, and the amount which is unpaid on each share of reduced amount shall be the same as it was in the case of the existing

shares or shares, from which the share of reduced amount is derived.

III. The Statement of the number and amount of the shares into which the Capital of the Company is divided contained in every copy of the Memorandum of Association issued after the passing of any such special resolution, shall be in accordance with such resolution, and if the Company make default in complying with the provisions of this section, it shall incur a penalty not exceeding five dollars for each copy in respect of which such default is made, and every Director, Manager and Secretary of the Company who knowingly or wilfully authorises or permits such default shall incur the like penalty.

IV. This Ordinance shall come into force on such day as shall be hereafter fixed by proclamation under the hand of the Governor.

His Excellency said that this subject had very recently been before the Council. Since then representations had been made to him that the law as it at present stood inflicted a hardship on the Company who now sought to be relieved, and what he had done in the matter was to state that he would introduce a Bill simply for the purpose of getting the matter ventilated and discussed. He reserved to himself, after hearing all that might be said upon the Bill at its second reading, his opinion as to the Bill, and the question of acting for or against it, and, of course, other members would do the same thing. Upon the present occasion there would be no discussion, as it was the first reading which he now proposed, but he hoped that when the Council again met, and the second reading came on, that honourable members would have fully considered the matter so that they might be able to go to the points at once, and not waste time in any unnecessary discussion upon it. It was a very simple affair, and he thought that to the Bill as now introduced some of the objections made to the former Bill did not apply, and need not be raised. He moved that the Bill be read a first time.

The Hon. Chief Justice said that in England a Bill was often read a first time and thrown out, and he wished, therefore, to make a few remarks in regard to this proposed Ordinance on the present occasion.

His Excellency said the Bill could not now be discussed.

The Hon. Chief Justice said he did not rise to discuss the Bill. So far as he could see, and he had before expressed his opinion, that the object of this Bill was a desirable one, but as this Bill had become a private one there would be a necessity, as he understood, legislation in England, that the parties asking for relief should prove the particular grievances alleged in the petition. It is stated in the Bill that "the said Company has found that shares of five thousand dollars each are too large for the advantageous management of the affairs of the Company and the Company is therefore desirous of sub-dividing the existing shares into shares of smaller amount." He did not go into that, but what he did think was that there were, he was bound to say, clauses in the Bill—the able Bill he might say—introduced by the Attorney General to which he felt it his duty to object. If he thought a general bill was better than this Bill.

His Excellency said he was sure the Chief Justice would raise a discussion.

The Hon. Chief Justice said he had known many bills thrown out in England on the first reading.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary having explained that by the Standing Orders the Bill must come on for a second reading, and that no discussion could now take place upon it.

The Hon. Chief Justice resumed his seat, observing that he had no objection to the Bill as it stood, but he wanted something more.

The Bill then passed the first reading. This concluded the business, and the Council adjourned sine die.

Police Intelligence.

(Both Magistrates sitting.)

March 27th, 1876.

SUSPICIOUS CHARACTERS.

Three Chinamen were charged with being suspicious characters. P. C. Yu Ahee stated that on the mornings of Thursday and Friday last, he saw three men coming out from a lane near the Pacific Mail wharf. They went to the door of the Pacific Mail premises and looked about. They had no lantern nor passes. This was about 4.30 a.m. It was dark and the gun had not fired. Yesterday morning he saw men come out of the same lane and go towards the compound. The gate of the compound was open, and they went in. The Constable arrested the first. He had gone to the Wing Lok Street side of the premises, and was on the point of going into the street. The second defendant was crouching down in the compound, while the third was in the compound. There were wood and iron in the compound. The Constable then called out and two clerks came. Remanded till the 29th inst.

DISSEMINATED FOUL.

Chan Ahwai, coolie, was charged with having in his possession a dead pig. He was carrying it in a basket when he was called upon by P. C. Wan Cho Cheung to open the basket, which was then found to contain the carcass of a diseased pig. There was another man in his company, but he managed to escape. The defendant said he was called by a boy to carry the pig; he did not know where he got it. Remanded till the 29th.

CUTTING TREES.

A fisherman was charged with cutting a tree at Stanley. The ground on which the tree was growing belonged to the War Department. There had been a general order about arresting people cutting trees on Crown Land, and as this occurred on Military ground, a telegram was sent to the Central Station, asking whether the general order received included offences on military ground or not, and the reply was in the affirmative. Fined \$5, the defendant stating that he wished to transplant the tree in front of his house.

Wong Ayou was fined \$2 and to be exposed in the stocks for one hour at the Wandai Gap, for cutting up the roots of some shrubs at East Point. The defendant said he wanted them for medicinal purposes.

Another man was similarly dealt with for the same offence. He was moreover warned that if he had not been a very old man, he would have been flogged.

ARRIVAL OF THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. steamer *Mongolia*, Captain Coleman, from Bombay 7th, Galle 12th,

Penang 17th, and Singapore 20th instant, bringing on the English mail of the 18th ultimo, arrived here yesterday morning.

We take the following late telegrams from the *Indi* a Statesman:—

London, 22nd Feb.—The Marquis of Salisbury receiving yesterday a deputation for the suppression of trade in opium, denied that the present action of Her Majesty's Government stimulated the traffic in any way, and he would therefore not be able to hold out any hope of legislation on the subject.

London, Mar. 3.—Mr. Gathorne Hardy, Secretary of State for War, in moving for the Army Estimates last night, explained to the House the proposals that had been made to improve the condition of the soldiers. They comprise a grant of two-pence per diem deferred pay to Privates; Sergeant-Majors to have an immediate increase of sixpence; Sergeants of two-pence; whilst to Corporals the proposition is the grant of an extra penny per diem.

Paris, Mar. 2.—Don Carlos having been forbidden to remain in the South of France, is coming to England.

Calcutta, Feb. 22.—A convention has been signed by Colonel Stokes, R.E., and Baron de Lesseps for a progressive reduction of the Suez Canal Dues to three francs per ton; the arrangement is to spread over a period of eight years, the Canal Company agreeing to spend a yearly sum of one million francs in improvements. The Statutes of the Company have been altered increasing the number of Directors to 24, so as to admit of the three English Directors being placed on the Board.

Washington, Mar. 4.—The Balkan scandal is causing a great sensation. Criminal proceedings against Mr. Balkan have been ordered.

Alahabad, Mar. 2.—Sir Salar Jung has chartered a Rubattino steamer to convey him to Europe. He calls at Naples.

Lahore, March 2nd.—Canon Duckworth is seriously, but not dangerously, ill. He cannot be moved in time to join the *Seraph*, and will probably go home by a mail steamer. The disease shows symptoms of typhoid.

March 5.—Canon Duckworth is improving. Sir Bartle Frere and Dr. Fyfe left last night.

Alahabad, March 6.—The Viceroy, the Lieutenant-Governor, N.W. Provinces, Lord Napier, the Judges of the High Court, &c., will be present to receive the Prince of Wales on his arrival at the railway station platform, Alahabad, at 10 a.m. to-morrow. After receiving the address from the Municipality the Royal party will proceed to Government-house. At 1 p.m. the Prince will hold an installation of the Chapter of the Star of India. At 11 a.m. H. R. H. leaves by special train for Bombay.

Bombay, March 8.—Colonel Nixon, the Political Resident at Bagdad, telegraphs to the Governor of Bombay under date 2nd inst.—"Agency Surgeon reports that plague has broken out on the Euphrates; it would be well to watch vessels entering harbours in India." The fact has accordingly been communicated to the Sanitary Commissioner, the Municipal Commissioner, the Health Officer of the Port, and the Marine Department, with a request that they will take such steps as may be advisable to prevent infected vessels entering the Port.

Quotations.

Hongkong, March 27, 1876.

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" credit, —

" New Benares, cash, 590

" credit, 595

" Old Benares, cash, —

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" New Malwa, cash, 550

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" Allowance Tails, 28 c 44

" Old Malwa, cash, 585

" credit, 590

" Allowance Tails, 10 c 24

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QUICKSILVER, ... 94

SALTPETRE, ... 44 c 54

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" Bombay, demand, ... R. 221 c 223

" Shanghai, demand, ... 72 1/2

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The House and Offices No. 3, D'Aguiar
Street, lately in the occupation of Mr F.
DEGENAER.

(Also with occupation from 1st April next.)

The Bungalow No. 3, Old Bailey Street.

The Dwelling House No. 46, Peel Street,
now in the occupation of Mr HAYSHIELD.

(And with occupation from 1st May next.)

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Bullocks' Brains, per set 50 40

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" " corned, " 400 350

" Head, " 1000 700

" Heart, " 150 110

" Feet, " 60 50

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" Tripe (undressed), catty 40 30

Calves' Head and Feet, set 500 450

Hams, American, lb. 350 —

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" English, " 400 360

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" Leg, " 180 160

" Shoulder, " 140 120

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